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SUBJECT: DEPSEC VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA - TOPICS FOR MEETINGS

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD PROMOTE US INTERESTS SIGNIFICANTLY IF DEPSEC WERE TO INDICATE TO PETRIC IN COURSE OF TALKS HERE THAT USG WAS NOW PREPARED TO RECEIVE GOY REQUESTS TO PURCHASE CLASSIFIED MILITARY ITEMS. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT APPEARS THAT VISIT TO MOSCOW OF YUGOSLAV DEFENSE SECRETARY LJUBICIC MAY BE MILITARY SHOPPING MISSION (BELGRADE 2438). WE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT YUGOSLAVS FEEL THEY HAVE ALTERNATE SOURCES OF SUPPLY ON SOME MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND ARE NOT FULLY DEPENDENT ON SOVIETS. ALL THAT SEEMS CALLED FOR ON OUR PART AT THIS JUNCTURE IS SIGNAL TO PETRIC THAT WE ARE NOT NEGATIVE ON SUBJECT OF SELLING MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER YUGOSLAVS REQUESTS ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

2. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL FOR OUR BILATERALS IF IN DISCUSSION HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGES DEPSEC WERE TO MENTION SUBJECT OF OFFICIAL VISIT TO US BY PREMIER BIJEDIC. AS DEPT IS AWARE, ORIGINAL INVITATION TO BIJEDIC WAS EXTENDED BY SECRETARY ROGERS IN JULY 1972 AND HAS BEEN MENTIONED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS SINCE THEN; OMISSION OF SECRET

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ANY MENTION OF PROSPECTS WOULD CERTAINLY BE NOTED. LINE

COULD BE THAT ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNABLE TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO A DATE THIS YEAR, WE WOULD WISH TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR SCHEDULING VISIT NEXT YEAR, SHOULD BIJEDIC CONCUR.

3. YUGOSLAVS CONTINUE TO HIPE FOR VISIT HERE BY SECRETARY DENT AT TIME OF SIGNING CONTRACT FOR KRSKO NUCLEAR POWER STATION. ANY ENCOURAGING NEWS ON THIS PROSPECT WHICH DEPSEC COULD TELL PETRIC WOULD BE VERY WELCOME.

4. AN IMPORTANT ITEM IN CATEGORY OF US-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC COOPERATION WHICH DEPSEC MAY WISH TO REFER TO IN TALKS WITH PETRIC IS MSA SECTION 402 41.4 MILLION DINAR LOAN FOR UNIVERSITIES IN SKOPJE AND IN TITOGRAĐ, INSTITUTE OF HEALTH IN ZAGREB (SEE BELGRADE 2437 AND PREVIOUS). AID/STATE APPROVED YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL ON MAY 18 AND DRAFT LOAN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO EMBASSY. WE ARE NOW AWAITING DEPT AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOY ON BASIS THIS DRAFT AGREEMENT. BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION ON YUGOSLAV SIDE (PARTICULARLY AGREEMENT OF SEPARATE REPUBLICS), WE BELIEVE SIGNING DATE OF JUNE 1 TO COINCIDE WITH DEPSEC VISIT IS UNREALISTIC. HOWEVER, FACT THAT DINAR LOAN IS TO BE FORTHCOMING WOULD BE GOOD "PLUS" TOPIC FOR TALKS.

5. YUGOSLAV SIDE IN TALKS WILL HOPE TO RECEIVE DEPSEC BRIEFING ON STATE OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS ON EVE OF SUMMIT MEETING.

6. MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS ANOTHER TOPIC OF OBVIOUS INTEREST TO GOY.

7. IN DISCUSSION OF NONALIGNMENT AND UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, DEPSEC MAY WISH TO REITERATE LINE WE HAVE TAKEN HERE AND WHICH SECRETARY TOOK AT HIS MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH FONSEC MINIC: THAT US HAS NO PROBLEM WITH LONGSTANDING YUGOSLAV POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT. WE UNDERSTAND HOW THAT POLICY TIES IN WITH YUGOSLAV INDEPENDENCE. BUT WE HOPE THAT YUGOSLAVIA AS A LEADER OF THE NONALIGNED WILL USE ITS PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE TO URGE THAT NONALIGNED GROUP

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ACT RESPONSIBLY IN SEEKING WAYS TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION RATHER THAN TO HEIGHTEN EXISTING TENSIONS AND CONFRONTATIONS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT NONALIGNED LEADERS COULD AVOID (A) RESORTING TO PUBLIC POLEMICS AND EXTREME RHETORIC AND (B) USING THEIR UN MAJORITY TO PUSH THROUGH RESOLUTIONS WHICH IGNORE VIEWS OF THE VERY COUNTRIES CALLED UPON TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTIONS, THUS DEBASING UN ROLE IN WORLD.

8. WE HAVE INDICATION FROM FSFA THAT YUGOSLAV SIDE MAY NOTE THEIR GOVT'S UNHAPPINESS THAT USG CONTINUES FOR SOME PURPOSES TO LUMP YUGOSLAVIA TOGETHER WITH WARSAW PACT STATES. OFFICIALS HERE HAVE COMPLAINED TO US ABOUT RECENT SUSPENSION OF EXIMBANK LOAN ACTIVITIES IN YUGOSLAVIA BECAUSE OF QUESTION OF SOVIET-US BILATERAL POLICY, SAYING THAT US LEGISLATION WHICH DOES NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN YUGOSLAV COMMUNISM AND SOVIET/WARSAW PACT COMMUNISM IS UNREALISTIC AS WELL AS INSULTING AND THAT CONGRESS SHOULD BE ASKED TO MODIFY SUCH LEGISLATION. EMBASSY HAS TRIED TO TEACH THEM FACT OF US POLITICAL LIFE BUT DEPSEC REITERATION WOULD BE HELPFUL.

9. PETRIC MAY - AS ALWAYS IN PAST - BRING UP QUESTION OF ANTI-GOY ACTIVITIES OF EMIGRES IN US. YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS HERE TAKE LINE THAT THEIR COUNTRYMEN REGARD GOOD RELATIONS WITH US AS NATURAL AND ESSENTIAL IN VIEW OF HELPFUL ROLE USG HAS PLAYED IN YUGOSLAV HISTORY; YUGOSLAVS THEREFORE PUZZLED BY FACT AMERICANS PERMIT EMIGRES IN US TO CARRY OUT "HOSTILE ACTS" WHICH RUN DIRECTLY COUNTER TO US POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA. GOY OFFICIALS CONCEDE EMIGRE SITUATION HAS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY IN LAST FEW YEARS BUT, DESPITE AMERICAN ARGUMENTS ABOUT CONSTITUTIONALITY, THEY FEEL THIS IS PROBLEM USG COULD DEAL WITH EFFECTIVELY IF IT WERE DETERMINED TO DO SO.

10. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DEPSEC REPLY INCLUDE POINT THAT GOY BEARS SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMIGRE PROBLEM AND FOR CREATING IRRITANTS IN US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS BY ITS HANDLING OF CERTAIN DUAL NATIONALS WHO RETURN - LIKE DOYCHIN - NOW BEING TRIED FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT YEARS AGO WITH NON-VIOLENT EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS IN US, NONE OF WHICH  
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ACTIVITY WAS ILLEGAL BY LAWS OF COUNTRY IN WHICH HE RESIDED. SUCH ARRESTS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FROM YUGOSLAV STANDPOINT BECAUSE THEY ARE WIDELY PUBLICIZED AND DETRACT FROM AFOREMENTIONED IMPROVING TRED IN US EMIGRE COMMUNITY, PLAYING INTO HANDS OF MORE HOSTILE ELEMENTS.  
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